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SPURIOUS ADULTERATED SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing agricultural legislations are sufficient to deal with the producers of spurious/adulterated seeds; and

(b) if not, the steps the Government propose to take to amend these laws so as to make them effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Seeds Act, 1966 regulates the quality of seeds of only notified kinds and varieties. Government propose to amend the Seeds Act in order to also regulate the quality of seeds of non-notified kinds and varieties and to provide for more stringent penalties for infringement.